## STATE OF NEW YORK

## LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY BUFFALO, N.Y., JUNE 7TH, 2012 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, The United States will commemorate the bicentennial of the start of the War of 1812 and the writing of our national anthem, the Star Spangled Banner; and

WHEREAS, The War of 1812 was our nation's first declared war with more battles being fought along the Niagara Region than in any other war; and

WHEREAS, Military action and sacrifices made during the War of 1812 has resulted in 200 years of peace with one of our closest allies, Canada; and

WHEREAS; The Niagara and Erie Regional Coalition recognizes the role our region played in the war and fully supports the activities throughout the region commemorating the bicentennial including historical exhibits, educational programs, battle re-enactments, walking tours, concerts and fireworks displays; and

WHEREAS, The culmination of all bicentennial events in 2012 will be Navy Fleet Week at Buffalo's Canalside on September 11-17, U.S. and Royal Canadian Navy ships and historical tall ships will be in port for a spectacular week of activities that will attract thousands of visitors to the Niagara region and elevate the area internationally; and

WHEREAS, Through a collaborative effort between Erie County and Niagara county governments a similar proclamation is being adopted by the Niagara County Legislature; and

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

**RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and acknowledge the importance of commemorating the bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the partnership between Erie and Niagara Counties.

Edward A. Rath III
Erie County Legislator -6 th District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County